Channeling out Profits by CIPLA Limited

*86. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CIPLA Limited is channelling out profits through small companies owned by the relatives of the management;

(b) what are the details of these small companies and what are the arrangements between these companies and CIPLA Limited; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

TEH MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c) The reports that the Chemical Industrial and Pharmaceutical Laboratories Limited (CIPLA) is channelling out some profits through small scale companies owned by the relatives of the management are being looked into.

Shortage of Drug for Kidney Patients

*88. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of life saving drug for kidney patients due to the stoppage of its production by manufacturers in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government considered the question of alternate production arrangements to manufacture the drug under collaboration in the country or to procure the drug from other sources through State Trading Corporation or to allow the patients to import the drug by raising the ceiling of Rs. 2000 prescribed for imports by any individual;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative how Government propose to meet the demand for the drug?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (d) Government has received reports about some localised shortages of Azathioprine (Imuran) tablets used by kidney patients.

Imuran tablets were earlier being manufactured in India by M/s. Burroughs Welcome. This Company however, discontinued its production as its manufacture reportedly involved occupational hazards.

On receipt of reports of localised shortage of this drug the authorised stockists were advised to rush stocks to the reported areas of shortages. The authorised stockists have reported that sufficient stocks of Imuran tablets are available with them now. Efforts are also being made to get the drug imported through the Super Bazar, New Delhi.

The current Import Policy provides for liberal import of Imuran tablets under OGL. Individual patients can directly import the drug up to a prescribed value limit. This preparation is also exempted from customs duty.

Delay in installation of Telephone Connections

*89. SHRI M.S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which actual telephone connections were not given till after one month or more of the grant of necessary sanctions; and

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The information desired would be quite difficult to collect from all over the country within a reasonable time.

(b) Guidelines exist for provision of telephone connections at Bombay, Calcutta Delhi and Madras within 15 days from the date of sanction and at other places within seven days of sanction.

Cracks in the ONGC Drilling Rig Sagar Samrat

*90. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's drilling rig Sagar Samrat is suffering from nearly 50 catastrophic cracks;

(b) whether any enquiry has been ordered to fix the responsibility; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Import of drugs

*91. SHRI HAYATULLA ANSARI

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULSULTAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both Drug importers and drug formulators have imported phenobaritone, Ibupro ven, Ephedrine Hcl, Trimenthoprim, Sulphamethoxazole, Furosemide, Prental Paomate Prednisolene, Pseudo Ephedrine, Dextrose anhydrous, Isopropy Antipyrin, Gentamycin Sulphate during the year 1984;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity of each drug imported and what is the average landed cost of each drug alongwith the names of the companies;

(c) what is the price fixed for each of the above mentioned drugs by Government and what cost is involved in different formulation;

(d) what is the difference between prices and how much unintended profit was made by each company on each drug;

(e) whether it is mandatory for drug importers to apply for price fixation giving complete break up under the DPCO, 1978; and

(f) if so, how many of the drug importers applied for the purpose indicating the names of bulk drugs and prices fixed in each case?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (d) The total import of the drug referfered to and their total c.i.f. import price along with the prices fixed by the Government under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO 1979) are shown in the attached Statement. (See below) The landed cost depends upon the c.i.f. prices and customs duty prevalent from time to time. In fixing the prices of formulations, the price of the bulk drug notified by the Government plus incidental or the price of procurement whichever is lower have been allowed. Whenever instances of difference between the bulk drug price allowed in the forfulations and the actual procurement price come to the notice of the Government, action is initiated under para 7(2) of the DPCO. Such notices, under para 7(2), have been issued to some formulators of Gentamycin and one of them, M/s. Fulford India Limited have filed a writ Petition in the Delhi High Court. The Delhi High Court has granted a stay against the